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Large Application of  
GROSSMAN, et al.

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Application No.: 09/596,114 ✓

Art Unit: Loeb, Bronwen M.

Filed: June 16, 2000

Title: **NOVEL VECTORS FOR IMPROVING  
CLONING AND EXPRESSION IN  
LOW COPY PLASMIDS**

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action of April 9, 2003, which included a shortening of the statutory period for reply to three months. A request for a one-month extension of time and the required fee accompany this amendment, extending the period of reply to and including Monday, August 11, 2003, since August 9, 2003 fell on a Saturday. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment necessitated by this amendment to Deposit Account No. 18-1982.

In response to the Final Office Action of April 9, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

An **Appendix**, including replacement drawings and a copy of the ATCC Receipt for Biological Deposit of pTransSacB, is attached following page 5 of this paper.